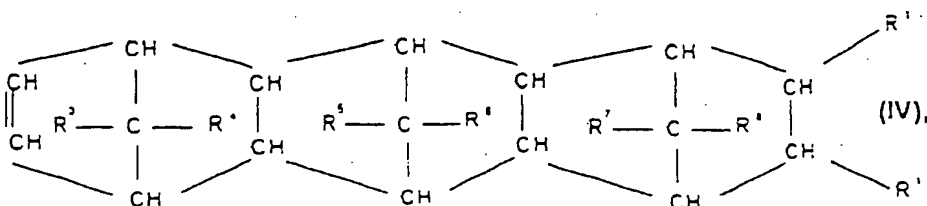
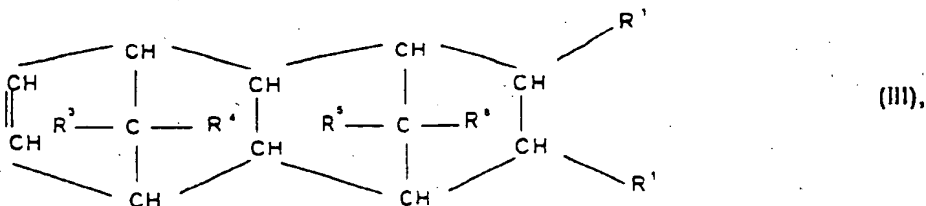
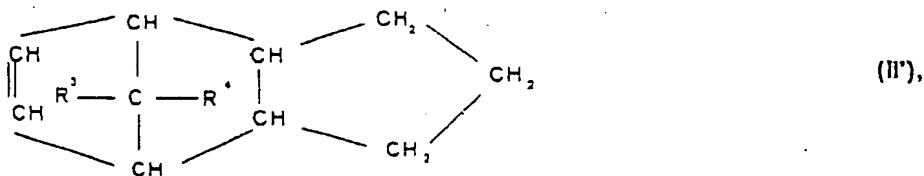
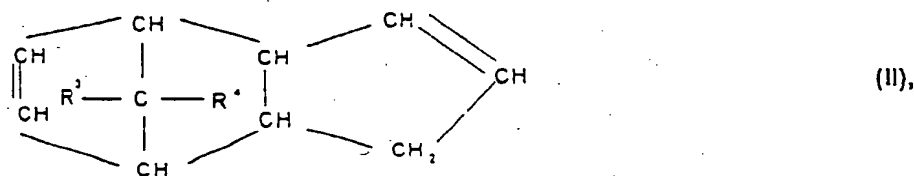
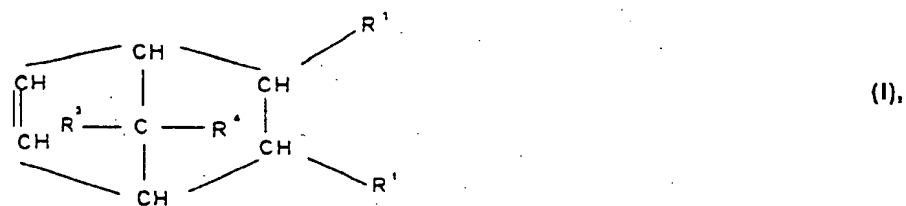
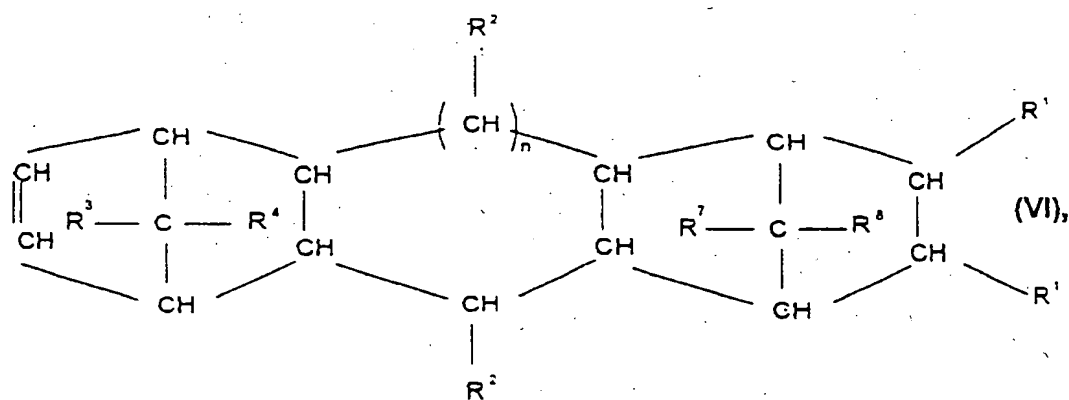
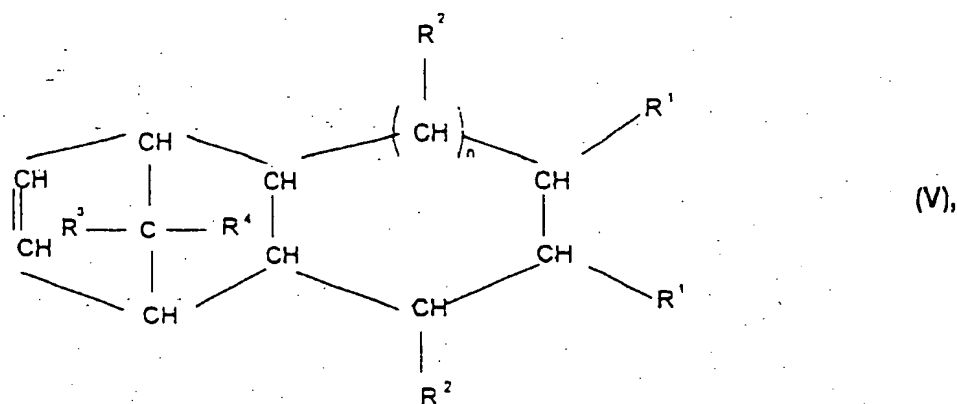


What is claimed is:

1. A process for producing microfiber webs comprising at least one cycloolefin polymer by melt-blowing.
2. The process of claim 1, wherein the cycloolefin polymer contains 0.1-100% by weight, based on the total mass of the cycloolefin polymer, of polymerized units derived from at least one polycyclic olefin of the formulae I, II, II', III, IV, V or VI



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where R^1 , R^2 , R^3 , R^4 , R^5 , R^6 , R^7 and R^8 , which may be the same or different, are each a hydrogen atom or a C_1 - C_{20} hydrocarbyl radical, such as a linear or branched C_1 - C_8 alkyl radical, C_6 - C_{18} aryl radical, C_7 - C_{20} alkylenearyl radical, a cyclic or acyclic C_2 - C_{20} alkenyl radical, or form a saturated, unsaturated or aromatic ring, subject to the proviso that the same R^1 to R^8 may have different meanings in the various formulae I to VI, and n is from 0 to 5, and 0 to 99.9% by weight, based on the total mass of the cycloolefin polymer, of polymerized units derived from one or more acyclic olefins of the formula VII



where R^9 , R^{10} , R^{11} and R^{12} , which may be the same or different, are each a hydrogen atom or a linear, branched or saturated or unsaturated C_1 - C_{20} hydrocarbyl radical such as a C_1 - C_8 alkyl radical or a C_6 - C_{18} aryl radical, and 0 to 45% by weight, based on

the overall composition of the cycloolefin polymer, of polymerized units derived from one or more monocyclic olefins of the formula VIII



5 where m is from 2 to 10.

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3. Microfiber web obtainable by the process of claim 1 or 2.
4. Use of the microfiber web of claim 3 as an oil absorber, as a filter material or as an insulation material.
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5. Use of the microfiber web of claim 3 as a particle filter in indoor-air and clean-room technology and building and home services technology, as a microfilter in vacuum cleaners, as a passenger car interior filter and also in the respiratory protection sector as particle-filtering breathing masks.

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